GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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PUBLICATION OF SECRET DOCUMENTS
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that after the disintegration of the USSR, the present Government is making public its secret documents by categorising these as unclassified;

(b) if so, whether several documents relating to India out of them have been published in several newspapers from time to time;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government have any plan to bring these documents to India; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH)

(a): The Government are aware of declassification of previously secret documents by the Government of the Russian Federation.

(b): The Government are not aware of any publication of such declassified documents relating to India, in newspapers.

(c): Does not arise

(d) & (e): Presently, there is no agreement between the Government of India and the Government of the Russian Federation for bringing these declassified documents from the Russian Federation to India.